

Historical Trends

The primary source of funding for operations of the Golden Gate National Parks comes from congressionally appropriated operating budgets (ONPS). The Golden Gate National Parks receive four ONPS appropriations: Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GOGA), Presidio of San Francisco (PRES), Fort Point National Historic Site (FOPO), and Muir Woods National Monument (MUWO).

From 1980 to 1988, GOGA's appropriation included funding for the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park (SAFR). After 1988, SAFR received its own appropriation. These funds have not been included in the data shown on the following page in order to present consistent information over the 20-year period.

The charts on the following page depict the historical trend of the parks' ONPS budgets in both nominal and real dollar values after adjusting for inflation. The appropriated budget for the Presidio began in 1994. This accounts for the dramatic increase in ONPS shown in that year. In 1999, the Presidio Trust

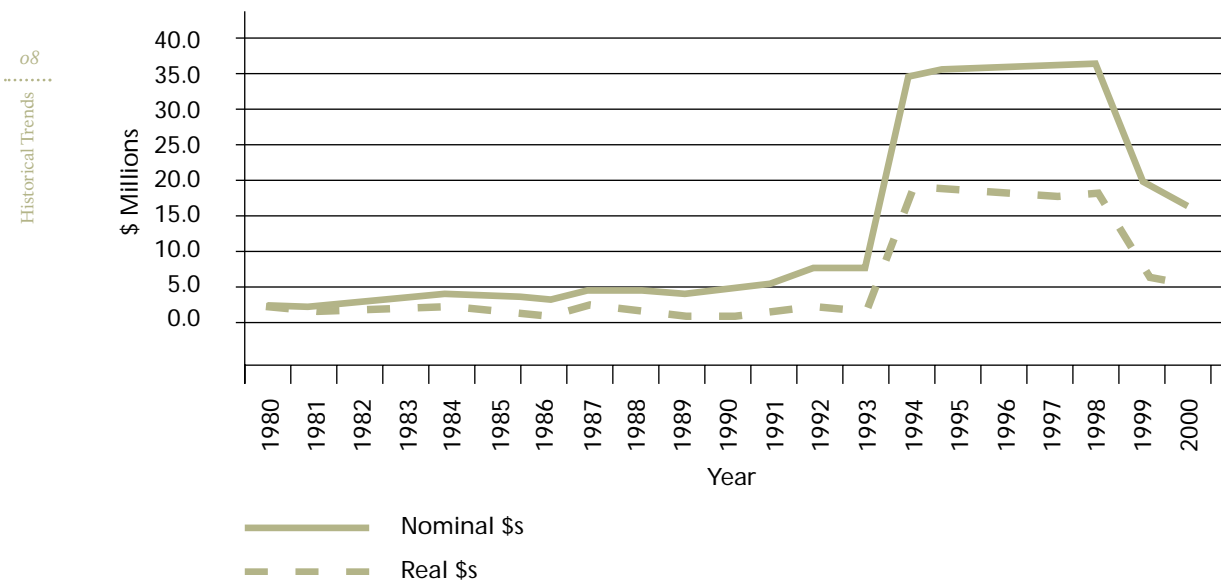
assumed primary operational responsibility for the non-coastal lands (1,168 acres) of the Presidio. The NPS retained full operational responsibility in the coastal lands (312 acres) and limited operational responsibility in the non-coastal lands. This accounts for the decrease in ONPS shown in that year. In 1999 and 2000, NPS responsibilities in the area managed by the Presidio Trust included education, interpretation, natural resource management and cultural resource management.

Funding Analysis

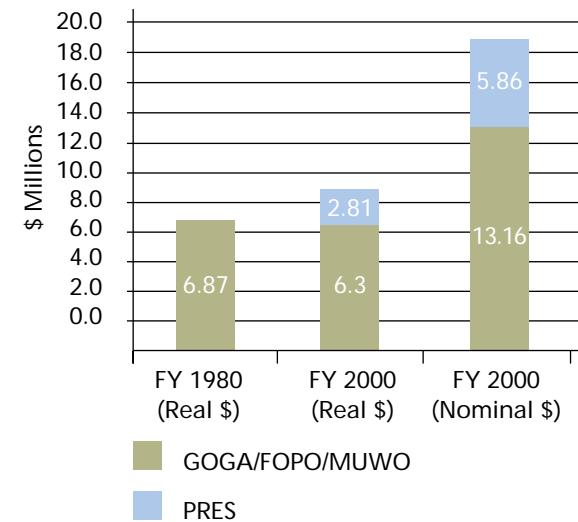
In real dollars, the ONPS appropriations for the Golden Gate National Parks excluding the Presidio-specific appropriation (PRES) decreased by 8.4% between 1980 and 2000. Including PRES, the Golden Gate National Parks appropriations increased by 32.6%

(real dollars) between 1980 and 2000; however, the parks' cost of fulfilling their mandated responsibilities has far exceeded this increase. Please see the Analysis of Parks Operations beginning on Page 13.

ONPS Base Budget Analysis: GOGA, FOPO, MUWO, PRES



Breakdown of ONPS Budgets



¹ Inflation adjusted figures are calculated using the 1980 national CPI cost deflator. We have used the national deflator so that this analysis is consistent with that done by other parks across the country. The 1980 regional CPI cost deflator would have yielded an lower real dollar funding decrease/increase.

Visitation Analysis

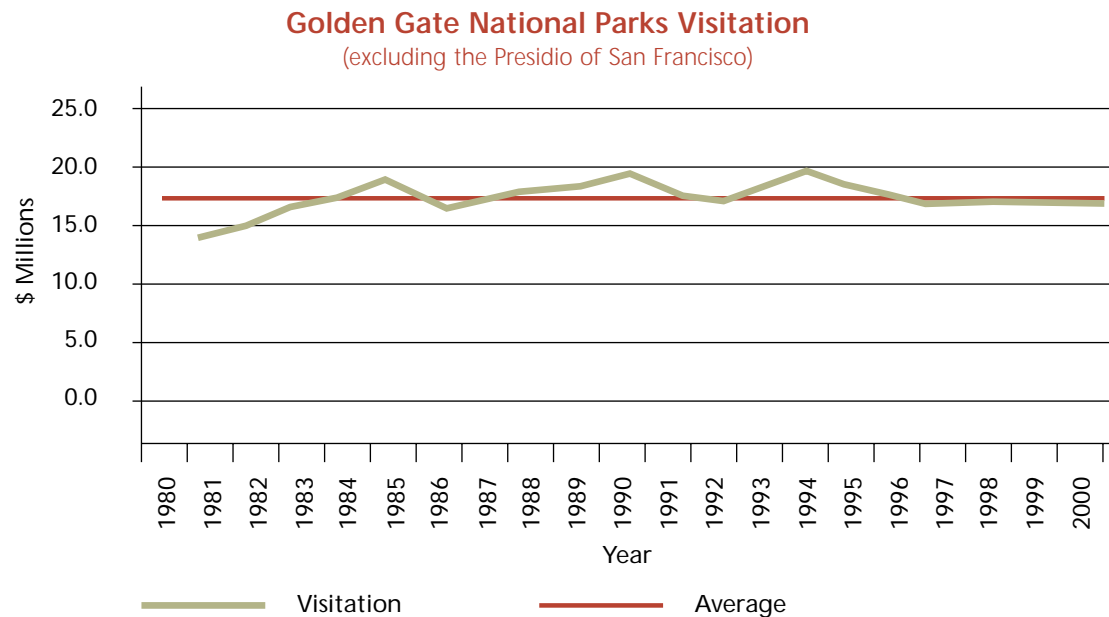
The Golden Gate National Parks directly manage a major open space preserve and landmark sites throughout the densely populated San Francisco Bay Area.

These lands are not contiguous; they are broken up into over 12 distinct regions by major transportation arteries, city streets, waterways and lands managed by other agencies and private owners. Given these conditions and the fact that only Alcatraz Island and Muir Woods have reliable visitation statistics (due to user fee collection), measuring visitation has always been a difficult and inaccurate task. Acknowledging these measurement limitations, the Golden

Gate National Parks have experienced a 20% increase in visitation since 1980. It has leveled off to approximately 17.3 million visitors per year. The following chart shows the historic visitation figures for the Golden Gate National Parks based upon the NPS Statistical Abstracts. The figures presented here do not include visitation for the Presidio of San Francisco (including Crissy Field) as these statistics were not available at the time of printing.



Crissy Field Promenade



Land Acquisition Timeline

Since 1980, the lands directly managed by the Golden Gate National Parks have grown by approximately 6,600 acres or 27% to approximately 31,100 acres. During the same time, the parks have acquired over 300

historic structures, an over 100% increase. The parks expect to acquire an additional 4,700 acres of new lands in San Mateo County as well as 335 acres at Fort Baker in 2001-2002.



Lands added:
Oakwood Valley
Wolfback Ridge
Stinson Beach
Muir Beach
San Francisco
Maritime National
Historic Park



Lands added:
Phleger Estate

1972

1974

1980

1988

1992

Lands added:
Alcatraz Island
Fort Miley
Baker Beach
Point Bonita
Lands End
Marin Headlands
Sutro District
Ocean Beach
Part of Fort Mason
Fort Funston
Fort Point National Historic Site
Olema Valley
Tennessee Valley
Muir Woods
Approximately one-half
of Crissy Field



Lands added:
Sweeney Ridge
Milagra Ridge
Giacomini Ranch

**Lands removed
from Golden Gate
National Parks
jurisdiction:**
San Francisco
Maritime National
Historic Park





1994

Lands added:
The Presidio of
San Francisco
Approximately
one-half of
Crissy Field



1996

**Lands removed
from NPS
jurisdiction:**
Non-coastal lands
of the Presidio of
San Francisco

1998

Lands added:
Remainder of
Fort Mason



2000

Lands added:
Marin City Ridge

**Lands to be
added in 2001-02:**
Fort Baker
San Mateo County
lands



Fort Baker